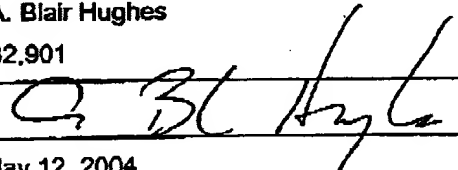


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)											
ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.: 00-618-A Application No.: 09/648,775 Filing Date: 8/28/00 First Named Inventor: Biaggloni Group Art Unit: 1624 Examiner: M. Berch										
<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to and including June 4, 2004.</p> <p>The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td> <td>\$ 110.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 55.00 <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. </p>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 110.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$
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